

INFORMATION PAPER

DAMO-SSF
1 February 2002

SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program – Portugal

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Portugal to assist in selection and arrival time of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent FAO trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS:**

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length- 13-14 months

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates- Arrive: NET first week in Jun, NLT first week in Jul; Depart: Aug of following year. (FAO arrival in Aug complicates ability to find and contract for housing. Aug is the holiday month and almost no business is conducted during this month).

(3) Program Description- One FAO per year attends the Portuguese Army Command & Staff School (Instituto Dos Altos Estudos Militares) in Lisbon. School dates are late Sep through Jun (40 weeks). In-country/regional travel orientation and study is conducted prior to school and subsequent to graduation.

(4) Prerequisites- CPT/MAJ; Portuguese 2/2/2 language; branch immaterial; no gender restrictions.

b. Property:

(1) Government:

--No FAO vehicle.

--Bookcase and filing cabinet

--4DX-33V Gateway 2000 computer, hard disk and disk drive assembly; color monitor, keyboard, serial mouse, Epson Ink Jet Printer, surge protector.

--Gas Range, clothes dryer (1ea gas/1ea electric), washing machine, refrigerator, freezer, and dehumidifier; two sets of these appliances are available to FAOs in case of student overlap.

(2) Personal- Recommend ship POV (up to 60 days shipping time).

c. Housing: Local economy. FAO receives OHA. Expensive and difficult to find. If FAO has area rugs or carpeting bring in-country. Almost all housing is concrete block construction with tile or marble floors which are very cold. Most housing is not equipped with heat.

d. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical- Primary medical and dental care is available at IBERLANT HQ, Oerias, PO. Additional care using CHAMPUS/TRICARE is available locally with English-speaking doctors. Major health and dental care is performed at ROTA NAS in Spain or Landstuhl Army Hospital, Germany.

(2) Dependent Schooling- No U.S. schools, but DOD accredited schools (grades 1-12) are available. English is spoken at these schools. There is also a pre-school and kindergarten program available.

(3) PX/Commissary- A small Navy Exchange is located on embassy grounds. Special orders can be taken or travel to Rota exchanges supplement basic needs. No clothing and a very limited selection of goods are available. A small selection of the usual frozen, canned and packaged food items (including baby food and pet food).

e. Language Instruction Availability: Yes. Embassy tutor available during normal working hours only. Commercial tutoring/instruction is available locally.

f. Rater/Senior Rater: Rater: ARMA, Senior Rater: DATT/AIRA.

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3. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Bring materials from OAC/CAS3/CGSC. Also bring any reference materials, especially briefings on new doctrine, changes in Army or tactical subjects at BDE or DIV level (nothing higher). FAOs should write a letter of introduction to the Army Attache well in advance of their arrival. They should also establish early contact with the incumbent FAO to facilitate coordination and receive assistance as needed. Keep A/ARMA informed of arrival date and travel plans.

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